ND plans construction of new dorm



An artist's depiction shows Duncan Hall, a planned all-male residence hall. Officials will break ground on Thursday.

By KEN FOWLER

Notre Dame will break ground Thursday on the allmale Duncan Hall, the first of four new dormitories the University hopes to build in the next 10 years.

The new building, funded by 1952 Notre Dame graduate Raymond T. Duncan, will be completed by the summer of 2008 and house students that fall, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said

"We put it on accelerated time schedule because we're very eager [to finish the project]," Affleck-Graves said. "We know that there's urgent needs

on campus right now."

Duncan Hall will house 232 students and stand next to McGlinn Hall, which was the last dorm built by the University, completed in 1997.

The University is not disclosing the total cost of the dorm, said Shannon Chapla, assistant director for News and Information.

Chapla said Duncan Hall will ease the housing crunch in men's dorms that have converted spaces to increase occupancy, but she could not provide a breakdown of what reductions individual dorms

Affleck-Graves said the University has three main goals for Duncan Hall and the three other dorms it wants to build: Reduce the stress of overcrowding in current dorms, accommodate more transfer students with additional on-campus housing options and allow juniors and seniors more on-campus living arrangements with more singles, doubles and triples.

Duncan Hall will feature six

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Degree recipients named

Supreme Court justice among 2007 honorees

By KELLY MEEHAN Saint Mary's Editor

A U.S. Supreme Court justice, an advocate for Philadelphia's homeless population and a theologian will be the recipients of honorary degrees during Saint

Mary's commencement ceremonies, College offic i a l s announced Monday.

U.S. Sup-reme Court Justice Samuel Alito who will



also address the 2007 graduates — will be the recipient of an honorary degree, along with Sister Mary Scullion, cofounder and executive director of Project H.O.M.E. (Housing, Opportunities for employment, Medical care, Education) and Dr. Bernard McGinn, the Naomi Shenstone Donnelly Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampeer said this year's recipients fulfill the College's quest for "someone who has achieved the highest level of success within their field and made a difference in

Dampeer said the honorees are chosen in a method similar to the commencement speaker's selection.

Nominations must be supported by significant information and then pass several

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Portions of roads closed

Three campus streets cordoned off for work

By EVA BINDA News Writer

Three internal campus roads closed Monday to begin a new phase of construction that will make the campus more pedestrian-friendly, said Vice President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout. The University closed sections

of St. Joseph Drive, Moose Krause Drive and Juniper Road so workers can remove Juniper Road, realign parking lots and extend underground utilities, particularly the sewers, Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) said in a March 1 e-mail.

Lyphout said this construction is part of the "campus master plan that was written in 2002 and adopted by the Board of Trustees.'

This plan will reduce the number of vehicles traveling through campus by routing traffic around the perimeter of campus, he said.

Another goal of the construction project is to improve the campus sewer system.

Lyphout said working on the sewers is necessary to increase their capacity since the campus has grown, making the current system insufficient.

The construction crews are taking precautionary safety measures while they work on this new group of construction projects, University Architect Doug Marsh

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Fleming hopes to excel in role

New vice president of academic affairs is excited to join administration

By KELLY MEEHAN Saint Mary's Editor

When Patricia Fleming visited Notre Dame for an academic conference in 1975, she said she could not help but notice the quaint campus across the

street. And years later, she's been named Saint Mary's vice president of academic affairs and dean of fac-



Fleming

Fleming, a California native, was named vice president of Saint Mary's on Feb. 20 and

will begin her duties on July 1.

"I believe that Saint Mary's is the best Catholic women's College in the nation," she said. "I want to work at the best ... I want to return to the kind of college which formed me as a scholar and leader.

Fleming will replace acting Vice President and Dean of Faculty Jill Vihtelic, who will return to the Department of **Business Administration and** Economics as a full-time member of the faculty this fall.

As Vihtelic makes the move from the administration to the classroom, Fleming plans to put her passion for philosophy aside to guide the College's academic realm.

During her visits to Saint Mary's, Fleming said she admired the College's teacherscholar model — a system she said she shared with other members of the faculty.

"My teaching really profits from my scholarship," she said, "especially in the area of environmental ethics. But for me my scholarship also needs to connect back to the ways we can transform lives through the classroom.'

Fleming said her time at Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif., and Marygrove College in Detroit "contributed to [her] formation in distinct ways when [she] was 17-21 years

She said the foundation of her growth was her learning

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Student travel safety tops University priorities

Anthony Travel books band, sports team trips with reputable, insured bus companies

By KAITLYNN RIELY

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When Notre Dame student athletes or members of the University Marching Band travel away from campus to play at other locations, their safety is "always number one," said Pat Walsh, the vice president of business services at Anthony Travel.

Walsh said the travel agency in LaFortune arranges approximately 300 bus trips a year for the varsity sports teams and during those trips, there's always the possibility of an accident like the one last week

involving the University baseball team.

A bus carrying the team from Toledo, Ohio to spring training in Florida drove off an overpass in Atlanta and crashed onto a pickup truck traveling below. Six people were killed — including four students — and 29 others were injured.

That means for each of these trips, safety is a huge concern, Walsh said.

"Notre Dame does absolutely everything to ensure the safety of student athletes, coaches, staffs and administrators," he said. "The nice part about an athletic department of Notre

Bluffton Dame's size is that they can afford the best safety possible." Notre Dame lived through a

tragic accident of its own 15 years ago, Walsh said.

The women's swim team was returning to South Bend from a meet at Northwestern University in January 1992 when its bus turned over on the Indiana Toll Road. Sophomore Colleen Hipp and freshman Meghan Beeler were killed and 38 others were injured.

This was a "horrible accident," Walsh said, and one that will "never ever be gone from people's memories here.'

"It was an extremely difficult

moment for everyone in the University," Walsh said. "It's a very close reminder that is always foremost in everyone's minds that safety is number

When Anthony Travel arranges trips, it uses bus services that meet high standards of safety, Walsh said.

"Everyone looks at costs too ... but Notre Dame always makes the decision with the safety standards of that company foremost in mind," Walsh

Robert Zerr, the director of Risk Management and Safety

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INSIDE COLUMN

Quinn: status quo

Forget, for a moment, that Brady Quinn led the Irish to a 10-3 record this season. Forget that he threw for 3,426 yards and 37 touchdowns, third-most in the nation. Forget that he's

been under the tutelage of one of the sport's greatest offensive minds for two years.

Bill Brink

Sports **Production Editor**

If you can manage to do that, you might be able to piece together the reason behind Quinn's sudden plunge in the pre-NFL draft predictions. It's been said he lacks spectacular arm strength. He has a low yards-perattempt average. His throws over 20 yards float on him. He fails to win big games. But the main culprit behind the reversal of opinion concerning Quinn is LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

Russell has a cannon, throws tight deep balls and decidedly outplayed Quinn in the Sugar Bowl. All are legitimate arguments, but all eventually fall short

Poor arm strength? Explain how he hit a diving Jeff Samardzija on Purdue's oneyard line for a 41-yard completion last season, a replay seen before every broadcast. Or how he found David Grimes between defenders in the corner of the end zone for a 36-yard touchdown against Navy this year.

Some cite Russell's 9.1 yards per attempt, when compared to Quinn's 7.3 ypa, as evidence that Russell can throw the deep ball better than Quinn. But anyone who watched Notre Dame football this season remembers the three-yard dumpoffs to Darius Walker at least once per set of downs, passes that decreased his aver-

Quinn's play unquestionably suffered against Michigan. In the Sugar Bowl, however, Quinn spent the game racing around the pocket to avoid pass rushes. And let us not forget the comeback against UCLA in the final minute of the game, during which Quinn led the team on an 80-yard drive that culminated in Samardzija's winning touchdown catch.

The fact that Russell has superior arm strength does not make him the superior quarterback. He suffered in big games as well - Russell threw one touchdown and three interceptions two losses to Florida and Auburn.

The final argument lies in the possibility of combining Russell's arm strength with the size and speed of Randy Moss of the Oakland Raiders, who have the first pick of the draft. The Raiders tried something similar in 2004 when they brought in former Giants quarterback Kerry Collins, also known for his strong arm.

That worked well. Collins played in 29 games for the Raiders, had a 54.9 completion percentage, averaged 6.52 yards per attempt and threw just 14 passes of 40 yards or more.

Without any action in the past two months, imaginations run wild and blow Quinn's potential shortcomings out of proportion. Hopefully, completing 58-of-63 passes in his Sunday workout for NFL scouts will reverse that.

He is still a future franchise quarterback with the size, athleticism, skill and wherewithal to be a star in the NFL. Russell, while a great quarterback, is just a novelty pick if taken No. 1. Let's hope the Raiders keep their head out of the fabricated clouds of suspicion and make the right decision.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to misinformation, there was an error in the March 5, 2006 edition of The Observer. "Records broken at Loftus" reported that Austin Wechter ran the 400 meter leg of the distance medley relay. In fact, Ryan Postel ran the 400m leg. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD GO ABROAD ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD YOU GO AND WHY?



Emily Stewart

freshman Howard

"Spain, because I went to preschool with Spanish royalty."



Lauren Miller-Lemon

freshman Howard

"Dublin, so I can experience where my grandparents grew up."



Lizzi Reed

senior off-campus

"Rome. It's just sweet. I love gelato. And the Romans."



Mary Kate Daly

freshman Welsh Family

"I've never been out of the U.S.A., but probably England because everything is better British and I'm monolingual."



Sam Vadas

freshman Breen-Phillips

"England, because I can only speak English."



Trevor O'Brien

freshman Alumni

"Ireland, because of all the stories you hear."



Siegfried assistant captain Brian Sullivan falls Monday night at the Interhall Hockey Championships between Dillon and Siegfried. Dillon won In 2-1 in OT.

OFFBEAT

Firecrackers cause ostrich to lose sex drive

BERLIN Three teenagers may be on the hook for a hefty fine if a court decides that their festive firecrackers outside an eastern German farm scared the libido right out of an ostrich named Gustav.

Rico Gabel, a farmer in Lohsa, northeast Dresden, is claiming \$6,450 in damages for the alleged antics of the three youths, ages 17-18, between Dec. 27 and 29, 2005.

According to his lawsuit, the farmer claims that fire-

works set off by the boys made the previously lustful Gustav both apathetic and depressed, and thus unable to perform for a half-ayear with his two female breeding partners.

Before Gustav regained his sex drive in the second half of the year, the farmer estimates he lost out on 14 ostrich offspring — worth \$460 apiece.

Man hits fellow retirement home resident with hammer

DAVENPORT, Iowa — An elderly man was arrested at his retirement home Monday after allegedly striking a fellow resident in the

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head with a hammer. Richard Edison Johnson, 76, is charged with attempted murder. He is accused of striking Elizabeth Alwine, 81, who was hospitalized in serious but stable condition, officials said.

Both were residents of the Lend-a-Hand retirement home in Davenport.

Johnson and Alwine were in the smoking area of the building when an argument between the two became violent, said Davenport police Capt. Struckman.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A blood drive will be held at Saint Mary's today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center. It is the school's third-annual blood drive and walk-ins are also

The College Libertarians will be showing the movie "Busted: The Citizen's Guide Surviving Encounters" at 8 p.m. today in 144 DeBartolo. After the movie, there will be a question-and-answer session regarding civil liberties with a criminal defense attorney.

David Cortright, Kroc Institute Research Fellow and former executive director of the Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy, will give the lecture "The New Nuclear Danger and the Imperative of Disarmament" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Angela Ndalianis, an associate professor of cinema at Melbourne studies University in Australia, will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on "Podcasts, Mobisodes, and the TV Experience."

David Solomon, Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, will be speaking at Wednesday's Theology on Tap at 8:30 p.m. in Legends. The topic for the discussion is "Right to Full Life. Consistent Ethic of Life."

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses pornography in male dorms

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) members discussed Monday measures the Conduct Awareness task force can take to alleviate uncomfortable situations arising from pornographic images displayed in residence halls.

Carroll Hall rector and task force member Father Jim Lewis said he wanted to open the debate to the CLC Council that we aspire to do something that would be overly intrusive," Lewis said, "[but] at the same time pornographic images are so counter to the University mission and to our Catholic identity that I feel it bears addressing."

Professor Gail Bederman, who brought the issue to the CLC last spring, said her female students told her they often feel uncomfortable entering rooms in male residence halls when there are pornographic images displayed either on TV or the walls.

body vice president Bill Andrichik said the committee's investigation focused not on access on a personal computer — since accessing pornography on the University's server is regulated by the student handbook, du Lac — but instead on displays "either in the dorm room, common rooms or places that could become common space."

"That goes beyond the person who individually places it and extends it to anyone who walks into your room" he said

Smith said these images are culturally pervasive and pointed to a blurred line between what people consider acceptable and objectionable.

"It's hard sometimes defining what is pornography and what isn't," he said. "The swimsuit issue of Sports Illustrated, for example — is that pornographic or is it not?"

Student Union Board (SUB) president Patrick Vassel said the problem is likely related to students not speaking up in uncomfortable situations.

"I would say the big problem or topic for discussion on this campus is on a personal basis," he said, "People say, 'We always hang out in that guys' dorm but I hate those posters on the wall.' If it offends you, tell your friends so."

But Bederman said the posters suggest a larger problem.

"The comments tended to come from students who felt that there was an unhealthy sexual climate on campus in that women felt they were being turned into sexual objects," she said.

With this in mind, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss advised consulting with the Gender Relations Center (GRC) to start programming that might address pornography and related concerns.

Andrichik said the task force will look into working with the GRC to further investigate the

In other CLC news:

- ♦ Smith, the Student Concerns task force chair, said his committee is researching Notre Dame's peer institutions to see how they run their bowl game and regular season ticketing programs in order to improve the program for next fall. His committee is also investigating whether podcasting can be used as an academic tool.
- ◆ The Student Voice and Input task force has completed its pamphlet about du Lac tentatively called "du Lac Abridged" and will send it to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for editing, chair Liz Brown said.

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said.

These safety measures are "to protect pedestrians from falling into what will be very deep trenches and pits dug into the ground within these areas," Marsh said.

This construction project should be finished in mid-August before fall classes begin next year, Marsh said. Landscape work will be completed during the fall.

But Lyphout said Notre Dame Avenue could experience heavy traffic, since he expects the next couple of years to be "very busy in terms of construction."

Construction is set to begin on a new Law School this summer and also on an engineering building next year.

"It's going to take a lot of patience on the part of the Notre Dame community," Lyphout said. Marsh also said the campus

Marsh also said the campus construction will cause some interruptions to normal campus life. NDSP instructed people who park in the B, C or Legends lots, for example, to enter from the Edison Road driveways east of Eddy Street.

"We appreciate very much the campus community's patience with these inconveniences," he

Marsh and Lyphout both said these safety precautions have nothing to do with the gas leak that occurred near the Hesburgh Library a few weeks ago.

"It's totally independent," Lyphout said. "These precautions are very normal. We try to keep a proper distance from the potential hazards of construction."

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

McIlduff briefs members on summit

Saint Mary's representatives hope to improve relations with local community, colleges

one page.

Susan McIlduff

Saint Mary's

student body president

By LIZ HARTER and MANDI STIRONE

News Writers

Saint Mary's student body president Susan McIlduff told members of the Board of Governance (BOG) Monday that she left last week's community summit with new ideas for ways to increase the College's interaction with the local community.

The summit brought together student government representatives from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend and Bethel College with representatives from the mayor's offices in South Bend and Mishawaka, as well as the Community Development Office of Mishawaka, the South Bend Common Council and the South Bend Legal Department.

The representatives at the summit proposed improving the information college students receive about South

Bend and Mishawaka, McIlduff said.

First-year students at Saint Mary's currently receive a

Bend South booklet includes restaurant guide as well as general information about the South Bend and Mishawaka area.

An idea that came out of the summit, McIlduff said, was to provide a similar booklet to all students at the five different col-

lege campuses with more input from other schools and the community

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke proposed that his office write letters welcoming all freshmen at local colleges to the area.

"It would be a welcome to occur April 2.

the community, rather than just welcome to college," McIlduff said

The summit also looked into

the possibility of creating a uni-"Right now, each fied Web site school has its own listing activities at the colleges Web page, and the and in the community has its South Bend and Mishawaka own Web page. We're area. looking for a way to "Right now, list everything on each school has

> page, and the community has its own Web page," Mcllduff "We're said.

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way everything going on one

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis said she was concerned about the future of the community relations initiative since turnover for the student government will

Student body presidentelect Kim Hodges and vice president-elect Kelly Payne will oversee the project when they assume their positions in student government. Payne attended the summit with McIlduff and current student body vice president Maggie

In other BOG News:

◆ The dinner for the Women Honoring Women event will take place March 21. The annual event, sponsored by the Student Academic Council (SAC), honors a female faculty member who is influential in students' lives. Students have been able to submit nominees to the SAC prior to this point.

◆ The Saint Mary's Annual Safety Fair will be held April 19 outside the Student

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sections with mixes of singles, doubles, triples and quads. Each room for four will include a private bathroom and bay windows. Every section will have a social lounge, a study area, a kitchen and vending machines.

"Ray's remarkable generosity to Notre Dame will provide a significant improvement to the quality of student life on campus," University President Father John Jenkins said in a statement. "He can take great comfort in considering the generations of Notre Dame students who will reap the benefits of his contribution.

The additional amenities are part of the University's longterm plan to increase the attractiveness of on-campus housing, Affleck-Graves said. He said the University's plan is to add more common spaces and amenities to current dorms once the school completes construction on the four new dorms in its 10year plan.

Duncan Hall will be the University's 29th dormitory and 15th for men. Duncan is president of Duncan Oil Inc. and owner of Silver Oak Cellars in Oakville, Calif.

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reviews by College committees before the final decision is made by the College president. According to the selection process guidelines, nominees must exhibit significant achievements marked by "recognized intellectual and personal attainment," "significant contribution to the enhancement of Saint Mary's College" and "contribution to other recognized organizations in the city, state or world" — traits Dampeer said each of the honorees pos-

"[Saint Mary's] is excited to present these degrees," she said, "but the recipients are equally excited to receive them.

Alito will receive an honorary degree for his national leadership after being nominated to the Supreme Court by President George W. Bush. He was sworn in on Jan. 31, 2006, after previously serving as a judge on the

Third Circuit — a position President George H. W. Bush appointed him to in 1990.

Alito, who is the 11th Catholic to serve on the Supreme Court and the fifth on the current Court, has also held many highprofile positions, including Assistant to Solicitor General Rex E. Lee, Deputy Assistant to Attorney General Edwin Meese and U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey

Dampeer said the Sisters of the Holy Cross were pleased to present Scullion with a degree for her dedication to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty in the Philadelphia

For over 30 years, Scullion has dedicated her life to aiding the homeless and mentally ill, and as the executive director of Project H.O.M.E. She has expanded that program from an emergency winter shelter when it opened in 1989 to 273 units of housing and three businesses that provide employment to those who were previously

As a political activist, Scullion

homeless the right to vote, and she influenced a court decision that improved fair housing rights for those with disabilities.

In 2002, the city of Philadelphia awarded her the Ford Foundation's prestigious Leadership for a Changing World Award.

McGinn — a preeminent scholar of mysticism in the Western Christian tradition taught at the University of Chicago Divinity School from

1969 to 2003.

McGinn, whose wife Patricia is a Saint Mary's alumna, is a fellow of the Medieval Academy and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has served as the president of the American Society of Church History and of the American Catholic Historical Association. He is currently president of the Medieval Academy of America.

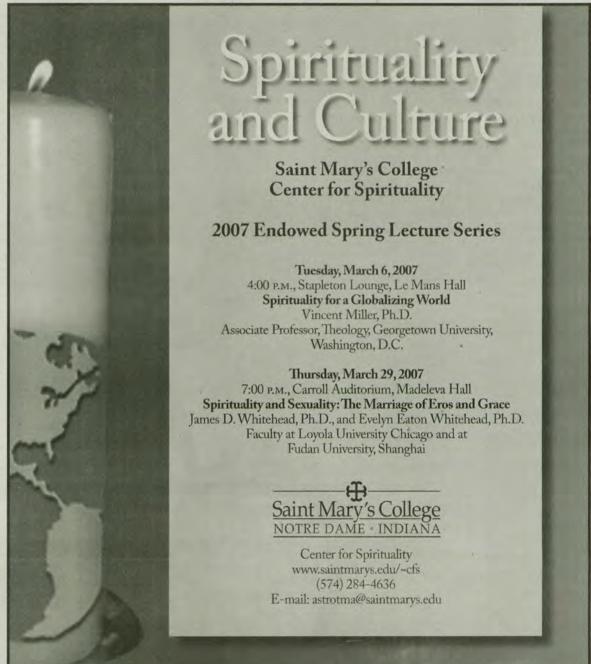
Dampeer said all three honorary degree recipients will be present at the May 19 commencement ceremony, and may or may not choose to give a brief acceptance speech.

She said the College typically awards between three and five honorary degrees, but has in some cases awarded up to 10.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU halts restoring Palestinian ties BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union will wait until a Palestinian unity government finalizes its policy toward Israel before deciding whether to restore financing to the Palestinian Authority.

The issue of whether to offer early encouragement to the new Palestinian Cabinet perhaps even without the condition that the militant Hamas movement fulfill international demands on recognizing Israel - dominated Monday's meeting of the bloc's 27 foreign ministers

Traditionally pro-Arab nations such as France have been keen to resume direct assistance to the Palestinians after a yearlong boycott of the Hamas-led government that economically devastated the Palestinian territories. The bloc's position has been to insist that Hamas recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept past agreements before ties can be re-established.

"We simply cannot decide yet when, or even if, we will be able to re-engage with the new Palestinian government of national unity because we will need to see its program and we will need to see its actions," said the EU's external relations commissioner, Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

Russian journalist falls to death

MOSCOW - A military correspondent for Russia's top business daily died after falling from a fifth-story window, and some media speculated Monday that he might have been killed for his critical reporting.

Ivan Safronov, the military affairs writer for Kommersant, died Friday in the fall from a window in the stairwell of his apartment building in Moscow, according to officials. His body was found by neighbors shortly afterward.

NATIONAL NEWS

Blood clot found in Cheney's leg

WASHINGTON — Doctors discovered a blood clot in Vice President Dick Cheney's left leg Monday, a condition that could be fatal if left untreated.

The 66-year-old Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, will be treated with blood-thinning medication for several months, said spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride

She said Cheney visited his doctor's office in Washington after feeling minor discomfort in his calf. An ultrasound showed the blood clot called a deep venous thrombosis — in his left lower leg.

Obesity surgery triples for U.S. teens

CHICAGO — The number of U.S. children having obesity surgery has tripled in recent years, surging at a pace that could mean more than 1,000 such operations this year, new research suggests.

While the procedure is still far more common in adults, it appears to be slightly less risky in teens, according to an analysis of data on 12- to 19-year-olds who had obesity surgery from 1996 through 2003.

During that time, an estimated 2,744 youngsters nationwide had the operations. The pace tripled between 2000 and 2003, reaching 771 surgeries that year, the study found.

LOCAL NEWS

Owners not liable for icy sidewalks

IINDIANAPOLIS — Pedestrians who fall on icy sidewalks cannot sue adjacent property owners despite an Indianapolis ordinance requiring walks to be cleared, the Indiana Court of Appeals has ruled.

In the 3-0 ruling, the appeals panel said Denison Parking cannot be sued for damages by a woman who fell on an icy sidewalk in January 2001 outside a parking garage in

downtown Indianapolis. Barbara L. Davis sued Denison and the city after her hip and back were injured. A Marion Superior Court judge denied Denison's pretrial request for a judgment

that would clear the company of liability, and Denison appealed.

IRAQ

Baghdad blast kills 38, wounds 105

Violence errupts after suicide car bomber and Sunni insurgents target Shiite pilgrims

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber turned a venerable book market into a deadly inferno and gunmen targeted Shiite pilgrims Monday as suspected Sunni insurgents brought major bloodshed back into the lap of their main Shiite rivals. At least 38 people died in the blast and seven pilgrims were killed.

The violence — after a relative three-day lull in Baghdad - was seen as another salvo in the Sunni extremist campaign to provoke a sectarian civil war that could tear apart the Shiite-led government and erase Washington's plans

for Iraq.
The Shiite Mahdi Army militia has so far resisted retaliation full-scale through a combination of self-interest and intense government pressure. But the militia's leader, the radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, is now being cornered in new ways that have put him on the defensive.

An expected Cabinet reshuffle could take a serious bite out of al-Sadr's voice in government - a move strongly encouraged by Washington.

Al-Sadr also opened the door for U.S. and Iraqi troops to enter the Mahdi stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad - under a painstaking deal with authorities — but his loyalists are still being hunted outside the capital.
"Al-Sadr and his forces

could be feeling under said Alireza siege," Nourizadeh, chief researcher at the Londonbased Center for Arab-Iranian Studies. "That makes them less predictable. That means they are more dangerous.

One possible sign of brewing troubles was 30 bullet-ridden bodies found across Baghdad. Many of those killings are blamed on Shifte death squads, and huge arches of water from Monday's figure was the blocks away because their remains of books were Imam Hussein.



A charred body is carried from the rubble that remains after Thursday's bombing near a book market in Baghdad. At least 38 people were killed and 105 were wounded.

highest in weeks.

And the Sunni extremists keep pressing.

The suicide mission tore through booksellers and other stores on narrow Mutanabi Street, a mostly Shiite-run commercial area in Baghdad's historical heart along the Tigris River.

Within seconds, flames engulfed open-air stalls and shops brimming with books and magazines. Gas-powered generators - needed because of frequent power cuts - exploded one by

Bloodstained pages that escaped the fire were carried away in a windwhipped pillar of black smoke

Firefighters had to spray

trucks were took large for the warren of lanes in old Baghdad. At least 38 people died and 105 were injured, said Raad Jabar, a Health Ministry official.

But the final casualty count may not be clear until Tuesday. Fire crews still battled the blazes more than 12 hours after the attack, said civil defense Maj. Gen. Abdul Rasoul al-

"Papers from the book market were floating through the air like leaflets dropped from a plane," said Naeem al-Daraji, a Health Ministry worker who was driving about 200 yards from the blast and was slightly injured by broken glass from his car window.

"Pieces of flesh and the century Shifte martyr,

scattered everywhere," he said.

A worker at a nearby shoe store, Youssef Haider, 24, said the blast flipped burning cars with charred bodies trapped inside. He and co-workers used twowheel pushcarts for shoe boxes to carry away the wounded.

In other violence, gunmen opened fire on Shiite pilgrims in several places around Baghdad, killing at least seven people, police

The Shiites were apparently heading to shrines and holy sites in southern Iraq for the annual commemoration to end a 40day mourning period for the death of a revered 7th

Board green lights Bush's programs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A White House privacy board is giving its stamp of approval to two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs - electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking - and says they do not violate citizens' civil

After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress

The report finds that both the National Security Agency's warrantless eavesdropping program and the Treasury Department's monitoring of international banking transactions have sufficient privacy protections, three board members told The Associated Press in telephone inter-

Both programs have multiple layers of review before sensitive information is accessed, they said.

"We looked at the program, we visited NSA and met with the top people all the way down to those doing the hands-on work," said Carol Dinkins, a Houston lawyer and former Reagan administration assistant attorney general who chairs the board.

"The program is structured and implemented in a way that is properly protective and attentive to civil liberties," she said.

Some board members were troubled by the Homeland Security Department's error-ridden no-fly lists, which critics say use subjective or inconclusive data to flag suspect travelers.

One area the board will focus on in its report is the computerized antiterrorism screening system recently announced by DHS and used for years without travelers' knowledge to assign risk assessments to millions of Americans who fly abroad.

'That's a place where there's a lot of opportunity for improvement," Dinkins said.

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experiences with religious women — particularly the Holy Name Sisters who fostered her love of philosophy. Their academic inspiration also motivated Fleming to go on to graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., where she earned her master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy.

She also said a foundation of her work is her educational and administrative experience as a philosophy professor at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., where she has taught since 1977

At Creighton, she focused on environmental and medical ethics, as well as the philosophies of science and social science. She was appointed to senior associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2001.

Fleming's career will come full circle this summer, however, when she moves into her administrative office on the first floor of Le Mans Hall — a building that she said fosters the school's spirit.

"Aside from aesthetics, I found Saint Mary's to be a warm, welcoming and very spirited place,' she said. "I loved the way the students identified themselves as 'Saint Mary's women.'

And Saint Mary's women will be the central focus of Fleming's goals and plans for the College.

"I hope to look back at some point in my tenure as Saint Mary's Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty and be able to say that the largest goal we accomplished in the academic arena is one that both energized the students and faculty and met a very real educational need," she said

As Fleming works to get acquainted with the College community, she said she strives to discover the best academic goals for the students and faculty.

"I really look forward to the complexity of Saint Mary's College," she said, such as the ability "to work more closely with faculty and staff from such wideranging areas as nursing, education, business, science, humanities, social science and professional education.'

Although Fleming acknowledged that it's impossible to think the administration will always agree on difficult College issues, she believes the deep respect they show towards each other will allow them to accomplish their

Fleming also said she is "particularly excited" about working with College President Carol Ann Mooney — someone whose "love of the College and fierce determination to send it to new heights comes through so clearly," she

Fleming will also work closely with Associate Deans Deborah McCarthy and Joe Incandela, who will work in these positions for three more years.

Incandela and McCarthy both said that they have not had the opportunity to work closely with her, but look forward to the start of her administrative term.

An objective Fleming said she shares with College administration is making Saint Mary's one of the nation's top bachelor degree awarding institutions — a position that would require the school to reassess its demographics, she said.

And to better comprehend the needs for a new demographic, Fleming said she would work to become involved with student life.

"Our world is rapidly changing, and the demographics for 10-to-30 years out suggests that our everyday encounters will be with even more diverse people than

we encounter today," she said. "The Saint Mary's women I had lunch with in January spoke of their own desires for a more diverse student experience.

Fleming said she hopes to create a diverse and enriching educational experience for all stu-

"I hope that Saint Mary's women will be as proud about Saint Mary's as I am about my undergraduate experiences at Marygrove and Holy Names," she

Fleming said as she works to meet the College community she hopes to model herself after a former Creighton administrator who was greatly admired by the students and faculty because of his openness with the communi-

ty.
"He had a bench [on campus] he sat on when the weather was good," she said. "Some faculty and staff would even venture up to the bench to chat.'

As Fleming begins her administrative quest at the College she asked that the students find her a bench, where she "promises to sit as often as possible.'

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Trips

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for the University, said his department makes sure the "Notre Dame always bus companies the University makes the decision

with the safety

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foremost in mind."

Pat Walsh

vice president of

business services

Anthony Travel

hires meet all necessary federal requirements.

"The federal government requires bus companies to have a minimum amount of insurance and if they are a charter bus

company it's five million dollars," he said.

For local travel — like if the

lacrosse team is taking a bus to Chicago to take a flight to the East Coast or if a team is playing at DePaul University Walsh said Anthony Travel uses mostly the Royal

Excursion or the Cardinal companies.

"Out of town, we use a number of different bus companies, but ones that are prescreened and are the biggest and safest and most trustworthy bus lines," Walsh said.

And Notre Dame also hires enough buses so

passengers can be comfortable during the drive. Sophomore

Charlie

Vogelheim, a trumpet player in the marching band, said he has always felt safe when traveling on the buses to away

"The bus driver will sometimes get on the intercom and tell us not to walk around or stand in the aisles too much," he said.

The longest trip he has taken with the band was to Pittsburgh last year, a trip that lasted about seven or eight hours, he said.

"We travel on the bus a lot and like any sports team or any other team like that, you just get used to it," Vogelheim said. "Sometimes you forget that you are on a moving vehicle that is traveling 60 miles an hour.'

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NASDAQ	2,340.68	-27.32
NYSE	8,837.97	-120.00
S&P 500	1,374.12	-13.05
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,777.22	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,058.70	-57.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ	-1.51	-0.65	42.48
ISHARE RUS 2000 (IVVM)	-2.08	-1.63	76.80
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.89	-0.37	19.22
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-1.31	-1.84	138.67

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13-WEEK BILL	-0.20	-0.010	4.960						
30-YEAR BOND	+0.09	+0.004	4.654						
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.20	+0.009	4.459						
Commodities									
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Wall Street fluctuates, finishes low

NEW YORK — Wall Street seesawed through an erratic session Monday, trying to stabilize but ultimately finishing near its lows of the day amid worries about mortgage defaults, a strengthening yen and tumbling stock markets abroad.

The major indexes fluctuated throughout the session, with the Dow Jones industrials bobbing between positive and negative territory as investors tried to size up where the market was headed after last week's big decline. The Dow finished 63 points lower, having fallen in eight of the last nine sessions.

The market remained jittery about losses over soured subprime loans, or loans to customers with poor credit ratings. HSBC Holdings PLC, Europe's largest bank, said its 2006 earnings rose 5 percent but that it suffered \$10.6 billion in losses on bad loans from its U.S. subprime mortgage operations.

Wal-Mart fires systems technician

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Monday it fired a systems technician who allegedly recorded phone conversations between the company's public relations office and a newspaper reporter. The case is now being investigated by federal authorities.

Wal-Mart said the technician, whom it did not identify, also intercepted text messages using his own personal equipment. The retailer said he was acting alone, but declined to say what his motive may have been.

Wal-Mart said its internal investigation began on Jan. 11 after an unidentified party alerted the company. That led to the discovery that the technician had monitored and recorded phone conversations between Wal-Mart's public relations staffers and a New York Times reporter between September 2006 and January 2007. Wal-Mart said it notified The New York Times earlier Monday.

A New York Times spokeswoman, Diane McNulty, identified the reporter as retail writer Michael Barbaro. She said the newspaper does not plan "to take any legal action at this time"

During the investigation, Wal-Mart said it discovered that, in separate instances, the same technician had intercepted text and pager messages, including communications that did not involve Wal-Mart employees.

UNITED KINGDOM

World markets continue to fall

European, Asian and U.S. markets plunge, investors fear 'global slowdown'

Associated Press

LONDON — European and Asian markets fell again Monday, extending their slide into a second week as investors worried about a possible global slowdown and dumped stocks that had surged in recent weeks. U.S. stocks fell after trying to steady themselves.

Britain's benchmark FTSE 100 fell 0.94 percent, while France's CAC 40 slid 0.73 percent and Germany's DAX dropped 1.041 percent after declines in Tokyo and other Asian markets.

"The fact that the FTSE closed Friday's session virtually unchanged may have left some thinking that the recent slide in equity markets may be at an end, but triple-digit losses on the Dow ahead of the weekend break have taken their toll on Asian markets," said Matt Buckland, a trader at CMC Markets.

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Also sparking jitters was the yen's jump to a three-month high against the dollar as investors reversed so-called yen-carry trades. A decline in this trading practice, which involves borrowing money at Japan's ultra-low interest rates to invest in higher-yielding assets elsewhere, could hurt global liquidity.

U.S. markets fluctuated as investors tried to size up where the market was headed. The Dow Jones industrial average traded in a 150-point range before closing near its session lows, falling 63.69, or 0.53 percent, to 12,050.41.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index fell for a fifth day, tumbling 575.68 points, or 3.34 percent, to 16,642,25 points, dragged down by major exporters such as Canon Inc., Sony Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp., whose earnings are eroded by a stronger yen. Since reaching a nearly seven-year high last Monday, the Nikkei index has slid 8.64



Trader Prosper Maman gives an order in the Standard and Poor's 500 pit at the Chicago Mercantile exchange Monday.

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Markets in Hong Kong, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, India and South Korea all fell sharply Monday, continuing their declines from last week, when a 9 percent plunge in Chinese stocks on Tuesday triggered cascading selloffs on Wall Street and other global markets.

"I don't know where the domino effect will stop," said Jose Vistan, research director at AB Capital Securities in Manila, Philippines, where the benchmark index sank 4.5 percent. "Emotions are the ones driving share prices right now."

"Everything takes a back

seat relative to the selloff that we are seeing. It's emotions," Vistan said. "You throw away technicals and fundamentals out the window. Emotions are the ones driving share prices right now."

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index tumbled 4 percent to its lowest level since mid-December. Australia's stock market — which had hit records last month — fell for a fifth day, sinking 2.3 percent. South Korea's benchmark index dropped 2.7 percent and Indian stocks fell 4.2 percent.

Investors still seemed risk-averse after the previous week's turmoil.

"When there's such a big

market move in such a short period of time, there's that element of surprise and confusion," said Teruhisa Ishikawa, section chief for investors information at Mizuho Investors Securities Co.

Funds and institutional investors tend to go on a selling binge to trim losses in reaction to such market moves, he said.

In China, the Shanghai Composite index fell a more modest 1.6 percent, but foreign-currency denominated "B shares" tumbled after officials denied rumors those stocks might be merged with the mainstream Chinese-currency "A shares."

Lawsuits increase over heart device

Associated Press

BOSTON — Lawsuits over problems with Guidant heart-rhythm devices have recently grown at a rate of nearly three new cases per day, according to a regulatory filing tallying up the legal risks Boston Scientific Corp. inherited in its \$27 billion Guidant Corp. acquisition

Boston Scientific faces more than 1,175 individual and class-action lawsuits over recalls and safety warnings issued in 2005 and 2006 involving Indianapolis-based Guidant's implantable defibrillators and pace-makers, the company said in an annual filing made after markets closed Thursday The total is up from 842 cases when Boston Scientific filed a quarterly update with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Nov. 9. The increase amounts to 333 cases over 112 days.

Although the lawsuits are still pending in various courts, Boston Scientific said it had set aside \$485 million "for legal matters that are probable and estimable" as of Dec. 31, primarily related to Guidant. That's up from \$35 million at the end of 2005, and \$384 million at the end of last September.

Jan Wald, an industry analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons, said Friday said it was "awfully hard to know" how the recent flurry of litigation will affect

how much Boston Scientific may ultimately have to pay in damages.

But Wald said he found the recent rate of new lawsuits surprising, since most of the problems involving Guidant's heart devices became public in 2005.

"It seems to me it might have been trickling down to less than three a day by now," Wald said.

Allen Michel, a Boston University professor and expert in mergers and acquisitions, said the number of lawsuits Boston Scientific faces pales compared with the thousands of claims brought against companies like Merck & Co. over its painkiller Vioxx and W.R. Grace and Co. involving asbestos.

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Rediscovering Eucharistic Adoration

Let's look at a new phenomenon you may know very little about. It is the remarkable rise of Eucharistic Adoration in Catholic parishes and institutions in every part of the world Why is it happening?

And what is it? "The Catholic Church," says the Catechism, "offers to the ... Eucharist .. adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts ... exposing them to the solemn veneration

of the faithful, and

carrying them in procession" (No. 1378).



Right or Wrong?

But why do we do this? "In the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, ... soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained. This presence is called real, by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence ... but because it is presence in the fullest sense ... it is substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (Catechism, no.

This conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, promised in the sixth chapter of John's gospel and fulfilled at the Last Supper, is called transubstantiation.

'Substance," as Cardinal Avery Dulles put it, "denotes the basic reality of the thing, i.e., what it is in itself." A change in appearance does not affect the substance of the thing. When the angel Raphael stood before Tobiah, his appearance was that of a "young man," but his substance was that of an angel (Tobit, 5:5, 12:15).

"Christ is present," wrote Cardinal Dulles, "by his dynamic power and action in all the sacraments, but in the Eucharist, His presence is, in addition, substantial. For this reason, the

Eucharist may be adored. It is the greatest of all sacraments" (Feb. 15,

You are in the real presence of Christ every time you step into a Catholic church with the lighted lamp or candle indicating that the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle. At any such time one can be with Christ in adoration. The term Eucharistic Adoration, however, is usually applied to the Exposition of the Sacrament to view. Christ is as fully present in the closed tabernacle as he is in the monstrance during Exposition. It is conducive to devotion for us to be able also to look upon him in the host in which "the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained.'

The central problem of the Church today," wrote Boston College professor Peter Kreeft, "is that most of the generation now becoming adults ... are not merely unaware of right doctrine ... but of Christ Himself, His real présence. Nothing less than Christ could have christianized the world, nothing less than Christlessness has de-christianized it, and nothing less than Christ can re-christianize it" (Crisis, March 1988).

So what can we do about it? We have Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica on Friday from noon to 5 p.m., with Benediction at 4:45 p.m., and in the Coleman-Morse chapel Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Benediction daily at 8:45 p.m.

When Pope John Paul II instituted Eucharistic Adoration at St. Peter's Basilica in 1981, he said, "The best ... way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through .. Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." Why is this so? "Above all," said Pope Benedict XVI, "Above all, the Eucharist is the great school of love. When we participate regularly and with devotion in Holy Mass, when we spend a sustained time of adoration in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, it is easier to understand the length, breadth, height and depth of his love

that goes beyond all knowledge" (cf. Eph. 3:17-18). In his message in 2005 for the National Day of Young Catholics of the Netherlands, Benedict XVI exhorted them to "go to the encounter with him in the Blessed Eucharist, go to adore him in the churches, kneeling before the tabernacle: Jesus will fill you with his love and will reveal to you the thoughts of his Heart. If you listen to him, you will feel ever more deeply the joy of belonging to his Mystical Body, the Church, which is the family of his disciples held close by the bond of unity and love.

Benedict XVI has insisted on this point: "Eucharistic Adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord.. In the Sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring in this presence do we learn how to receive him properly... Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys. Our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and our aspirations..." (Sept. 11,

What can we at Notre Dame do to fix a world in cultural meltdown? The greatest event in the history of the world is the Incarnation, when God became man. It's just possible that Christ, the God who became man for us, can give us some answers. Why don't you go ask him? Maybe you don't feel like it. Then pray for the desire to see him. Maybe you have too much to do. As Peter Kreeft put it, "That's why you can't afford not to give God five loaves and two fishes of your time so that he can multiply it." In short, we need to go meet with the Boss.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't be reckless with other people's hearts. Don't put up with people who are reckless with yours."

Mary Schmich American journalist

VIEWPOINT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Oregon Trail' highly offensive

For those of you who didn't make it out to see St. Edward's Hall Players' comedy, "The Oregon Trail," I applaud and envy you. For those who did, I am sure that you will agree with me that the play was offensive on many grounds, and the only "humor" garnered by the cast was through making crude and insensitive jokes

I can recall a particular scene in which a stem cell was used to revitalize two oxen to help carry the family wagon to Oregon. The Catholic Church teaches that it is wrong to use embryonic stem cells for medical purposes, as adult stem cells are just as useful in the medical world and human life does not have to be wasted in order to obtain them. Also, the mode by which the stem cell "revitalized" the oxen was through blatantly sexual and perverted acts.

In another scene, Native Americans were brutally shot down. Amid the audience's laughs during these scenes (and many others), I had to wonder: How is this funny? These things really did happen to real Native Americans who were murdered or forced from their land by the "white man."

Our culture today is too desensitized to sex, violence and murder, and this play was exemplary of our moral decay as a society. At a Catholic university like Notre Dame I don't see how a production like this could be allowed, and I would hope that in the future similar productions will not be shown on campus.

> Ryan Slaney Carroll Hall

U-WIRE

Young people need to take risks in life

Hosterman

The Poly Post

A small conversation with a student led me to find out that one of the greatest regrets of older people is not taking risks during their life. Whether these risks were related to careers or relationships, what people had the opportunity to do but did not do bothered them the most.

Think of the most successful and content people you know of. Chances are they took several risks in their past to get to where

they are today. Just as easily as we can recall success stories, we can recall many people who have suffered because a lost opportuni-

We ourselves have experienced this type of regret. Think back to a time when it was in your power to do something you would have liked to have done, but decided not to take action and an opportunity was lost. Perhaps you wished you had tried out for a sport in high school but talked yourself out of it because you hadn't made it the year before, or maybe you could have applied for a job you really wanted but felt your skills were not adequate. Maybe it is as simple as wishing you had told that person how you felt but instead remained silent. It may not be possible to change the past, but making a conscious decision to not make the same mistakes in the future is the first step in leading a life that you will look back on with satisfaction.

So what are some practical ways you can take risks in your everyday life? Say hi to that attractive person in class. Initiate conversations with random people you meet because you never know where it will lead. Everyone has something to teach you if you are open to learning. And it works the other way too. You have experiences that can help others if you are willing to share. Give someone a daringly honest compliment. Chances are they will remember you in a very positive way. Raise your hand in class. You have valuable insights to share. Remember that those who speak up are the most influential.

If you're a little intimidated, start with small steps. Venture to speak up just once in each class or in every other class. When you see a job or volunteer opportunity posted and it interests you, make a conscious decision to follow up with it. Contact the person in charge and ask how best to get involved or apply for the position. Ask other students what their favorite class was and sign up

Be looking for opportunities at all times and don't be quick to turn down invitations that at first seem to hold little or no immediate benefit. Not every thing will be what you expect, but you will certainly have some surprises, and you will find that the benefits far outweigh the risks involved in risk-taking.

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U-WIRE

Who really deserves a cupcake?

According to one friend, he missed out on being narcissistic like the rest of our generation because he had a summer birthday.

We never got cupcakes on our birthdays," he said of his own July date. "We never got to feel special. Somehow, we missed out on that whole 'Generation Me'

thing. We weren't spe-

Amelia Veneziano

Daily Evergreen

cial enough." There is no doubt my friend is a special guy. While his observation might be a bit oversimplified, it is a good one.

According to NBC.com, five psychologists recently conducted a study on college students across the country and found that students today are more narcissistic and self-centered than our predecessors.

The study, lead by San Diego State University professor Jean Twenge, asked for responses to prompts such as, "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place," "I think I am a special person" and "I can live my life any way I want to." The number of people who agreed with these statements rose from previous studies. The study makes clear that students today believe they're each special in their own little way. Actually, no.

People of our generation don't like to do anything for anyone else, unless they can see a clear and present benefit to themselves.

We want to be the center of attention; we want to make a lot of money, have a lot of nice things and have fame and power wherever we go, at least according to this study.

And why shouldn't we? Our preschool teachers began drilling our "specialness" into our brains at age five; it's no wonder we have to deal with the consequences now. Everyone was an artist and an athlete; you got a gold star for smiling on cue and a ribbon for showing up. As time went on, the competitions started - and there were no losers. All the teachers made a calendar with everyone's birthday and on each special day, that student got a cupcake. We were all equal.

Today, most college students have a Facebook or MySpace account — or both to celebrate their own uniqueness and contribution to the world. People upload hair cuts, dumb dog antics and their music videos to YouTube to gain fame. Those sites are all about us and sharing ourselves with everyone else. Wherever we go, we're plugged into our own

music, so we never have to listen to something so demeaning as the radio. Our choices are best.

The study may be a bit harsh, but the ultimate conclusion is right on target. At the risk of making an over-broad statement, all members of our generation believe they are the ultimate member of the generation. They don't see the rest or see their responsibilities to the world. It's all about them.

As for my friend, I'll make him a cupcake. If I ever get around to it.

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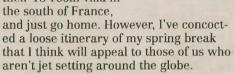


Spring break travel itinerary includes the couch

With only a few midterms and papers standing in the way of a week of nothingness, I figured it would be about time to plan my spring break. After booking a

trip to the Bahamas, I was shocked to hear that United Airlines doesn't accept Flex points. Nor could I make a charge to my student account. Once I realized this, spring break was on me.

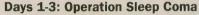
I decided it might be in my best interest to suck it up, swallow my pride and endure all my friends' awesome stories about their 18-room villa in the south of France,



Chris McGrady

Assistant

Scene Editor



After ingesting a copious amount of my mom's homemade meatloaf and mashed potatoes, I plan on duct-taping blackout sheets over my windows and slipping into a three-day state of hibernation that will rival even the deepest of post-TC inspired

Supplies needed: Meatloaf, duct tape, blackout sheets (Please, no one get the wrong idea.)

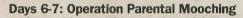
Days 4-5: Redefine Couch Potato

I recently learned something about par-

ents. When we children move out of the house, other interests — namely personal happiness and material possessions replace the time and energy spent on us. A new pet replaced my sister (at least this is living and breathing) and, unsurprisingly, a new television replaced me. I would like to think this is because I may share some positive characteristics with the television, in that it is entertaining and informative. Unfortunately, it's more likely I share the characteristics of taking up space and being expensive. Whatever.

Despite this, the new TV plays directly into my plan to spend the entirety of these days on the couch, watching basketball and taking advantage of Sam's Club's 2-for-1 sale of cheese puffs. I really can't wait to slip into an orange fingerstained state of bliss. However, I can't decide what is a more effective way of calling for new refreshments from my parents — a buzzer or a whistle, and I would like to use this opportunity to conduct an informal poll on the position. Feel free to send me an e-mail with your

Supplies needed: Couch, television, remote with fresh batteries, whistle/buzzer



I know, I know. This sounds awful. I'm a bad person, right? Well, to quote my good friend God, "Let he who has not sinned cast the first stone." These last two days will involve some serious mooching efforts, for what I like to call the "Big Three Cs" — cash, cookies and card upgrades. I want Domer Dollars like you



Many students not headed for warmer locales this spring break can take comfort in the fact that the family couch and television remain viable entertainment options.

don't even know. Errands will be run. Foot-rubs will be given. Cars will be washed. Hopefully, with the right combination of incessant hints (i.e. "I would love to help the needy...but it's just so gosh darn expensive and I really can't afford it right now") and carefully placed mooching tasks (i.e. "Don't worry about it Mom, I'll make dinner. You just rest.") I hope to leave home a richer man.

So those are my spring break plans. They may not be a trip to Cancun complete with a torrid love affair with Ramon, the saucy pool boy, but it's all I could

So while you chumps are sweating it out in some shady club or removing the pounds of beach sand from your shorts, I'll be taking it easy on the couch, which is just fine by me. I guess.

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DVD REVIEW

'Platoon' reloads with 20th anniversary DVD

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Scene Editor

Two decades ago, Oliver Stone was the toast of Hollywood. The "Scarface" and "Midnight Express" screenwriter's directorial breakthrough, "Platoon" was a smash hit, winning the Best Picture Oscar and awarding the filmmaker the Best Director Statuette.

But Stone would never equal the raw power of that early masterpiece, and it's not hard to see why. "Platoon" crackles with passion and purpose fueled by its semi-autobiographical perspective, which examines war from the point of view of one of its lowest soldiers.

Written and directed by Stone, who was a soldier in Vietnam, "Platoon" follows Chris Taylor (Charlie Sheen), who drops out of college to join the war effort in 1968. Under the watchful eyes of two commanding officers, Sgt. Barnes (Tom Berenger) and Sgt. Elias (Willem Dafoe), Taylor slowly becomes disillusioned with the war and witnesses it devolve into chaotic fighting.
At the time, "Platoon" was evolutionary

because it offered a different perspective than its contemporaries. Unlike "Apocalypse Now" or "The Deer Hunter," which were epic and allegorical in nature, "Platoon" is immersed in minutiae, with its mostly realistic portrayals of the nature of individuals in war. Although it ultimately goes over the top with some of Stone's patented spectacle, the first three-quarters of "Platoon" are among the finest depictions of war ever committed to film.

Barnes and Elias form the crux of the film's conflict, as the two have differing opinions on how to approach the war. Initially enamored with Barnes, Taylor begins to realize the futility of his rage and eventually sides with Elias, whose genuine affection for his troops is one of the few reprieves from misery in the jungle. The performances of Berenger and (especially) Dafoe guide the film, though Sheen is undoubtedly the weakest link.

"Platoon" already had a special edition, but that never stopped a studio from going back to the well. The new two-disc 20th Anniversary Edition comes in beautiful packaging that features some essays and photos from the film. The image

> noticeable improvements over the last edition. The sound has been augmented with a DTS track in addition to the standard 5.1 Dolby Digital. The DTS track is deep and immersive, which is a major improvement over the sometimesthin Dolby Digital



Willem Dafoe plays Sgt. Elias in "Platoon," director Oliver Stone's Vietnam War film. The movie was recently released in a 20th anniversary DVD.

quality is sharp and clear, with several

track on the special edition release. The special features include a commentary from Stone and a separate commentary from Dale Dye, who was the military consultant on "Saving Private Ryan" as well as "Platoon." Both of these commentaries are ports from the Special Edition, though they are also both insightful and interesting.

The second disc retains "Tour of the Inferno," an insightful 52-minute documentary, from the original release and also adds several new featurettes and documentaries, many of which give real-life context to the film, framing it in terms of

the situations in both America and Vietnam in 1968.

In the wake of films like "Saving Private Ryan" and "Letters from Iwo Jima," "Platoon" already feels a bit antiquated, but its immersive quality is undeniable. Of all the films in Stone's rich oeuvre, this is among his finest and certainly his most personal. The third time seems to be the charm for MGM and makes the 20th Anniversary Edition of "Platoon" the definitive take on a classic war film.

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Platoon

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SCENE SCENE

Schola Musicorum to present biannual concert

By MARTY SCHROEDER Assistant Scene Editor

On Wednesday, the Schola Musicorum will present its biannual "Abend-

Musique," a concert of Gregorian chant which derives its name from Pope Gregory the Great from the Middle Ages. The performance will take place in the Reyes Organ Hall of the DeBartolo Center of the Performing Arts. The singers are expected to give a fine performance, especially if students accompany the faculty performers - something that happened

last year and greatly enriched the

The music department faculty founded the Schola Musicorum in 1993 for the purpose of Gregorian chant study and performance directly from manuscripts dating from the Medieval peri-

od. The directors of the program are professor Alexander Blachly, professor Calvin M. Bower and professor Daniel Stowe. The name of the concert, "Abend-Musique," is a combination of the German word for evening and the

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Last spring, the Gregorian chant performed hailed from England and was the music used on the first Sunday of Lent. It was written in the 15th and 16th centuries.

The music performed is interesting because it predates the use of the modern harmonic system. As a result, it does not follow a metrical rhythm but instead relies on the rhythm of the words sung. All the pieces featured by the Schola Musicorum were in Latin, which is true for the vast majority of Gregorian chants - although a small portion of the chant corpus was written in Greek. Also, no instruments were used in last spring's performance and likely none will used in the upcoming performance.

If the singers are up to last spring's

Abend-Musique

Who: The Schola Musicorum

What: A concert of Gregorian

When: Friday, Nov. 18

How Much: \$3 for all

Where: Washington Hall

standard, the show will be equally impressive. Since this type of music is no longer used in liturgy and differs rhythmically from music made today, one of the joys of this performance is hearing unique

music. The talent of the performers is unquestioned.

The style of the "Abend-Musique" ensemble is to have one individual sing, bring in another and then add the rest if present. The bringing of voices in and out of the performance adds a complexity that would not be present otherwise. Student participation this year would add another level of complexity. If female students sing, this will add even greater depth to the male voices heard throughout most of the

The Reyes Organ Hall provides the perfect space for this type of performance. The wooden crossbeams of the ceiling and massive organ with its beautiful woodwork transports the audience to a Medieval church. The

small size of the space also provides an intimacy that would not be present elsewhere. The acoustics are fantastic and allow the music to flow into the audience, at times exhibiting its power and at others its delicate

If one would like to witness an excellent performance of Medieval chant in a wonderful space provided on campus, then this is the perfect performance to attend. The Schola Musicorum performs "Abend-Musique" every fall and spring, and its spring performance is this Wednesday at 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for all.

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Cassie Belek

Abroad students catch up on missed television

What's the only thing that can make "Walker, Texas Ranger" even better? That would be "Walker, Texas Ranger" dubbed in Spanish

After a month and a half of my stud-

ies in Spain, I have come to learn of the glories of Spanish television and of the wonders of the advancement of the internet. I've been able to keep track of America's major popular culture events, and thank goodness, I've still been able to watch "The Office" and "Ugly Betty" for free.

Assistant Scene Editor I remember a time

when I was nervous about missing my series when I came to Spain. Now that seems so silly

Because of my love of American television, I have become completely fascinated with Spanish TV, or rather, American television dubbed in Spanish. Spain only has a handful of television

channels. Unless you own a satellite dish, it's nothing like the United States. Television is almost as important here as it is in the States. Every family has a television set in the kitchen. My own host family's set rests only one foot away from the kitchen table. During dinner, we don't talk - we watch TV.

I have also noticed that nine times out of 10, my host family will choose American programs over Spanish programs. After all, Hollywood studios spend much more money producing programs than anyone in Europe. American programs have the money to pay for the best acting, the best special effects and the best sets. Every Thursday, we have to watch "Without a Trace." During the rest of the week we watch everything from "CSI: Miami" to "Prison Break" to "Grey's Anatomy." I've seen relatively few programs from Spain with the exception of Spain's "Big Brother" and "Dancing with the Stars."

Of course, I have remained loyal to the current seasons of American television. Before I left for Spain, my friends were absolutely convinced that I



Shows such as "CSI: Miami" have found popularity that stretches overseas to viewers in Europe, as The Observer's Scene Beat Abroad writer found out.

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wouldn't want to sit in front of my com- online is hindering my study abroad puter and watch American TV when I experience. After all, the point of study had Spain at my feet. But then again, try telling that to the approximately 15 other people here who approach me each week asking if I have seen the latest episode of "The Office."

We are a generation who loves our television, and I believe that I couldn't

have picked a better semester to be abroad and be a TV fan. Between YouTube and the explosion of free Web sites that post new episodes each week of practically every series, it's never been easier to stay connected and updated.

I've even found a website that posts new episodes of my dearly beloved "General Hospital" everyday. It's quite

However, I often wonder whether or not the spread of American television in Europe and the easy access of pop culture news and American television

abroad is to immerse yourself in a new culture and escape your comfort zone.

At this point, I feel almost no loss of connection from the United States. I can intensely follow the Britney saga and watch the newest episode of "Scrubs" with ease. I'm still getting a

hefty dose of Spain, but the internet has allowed America to stay in my life everyday.

But then again, I really can't imagine not being able to find out what happens next with Jim and Pam until I return in May. I want what I want when I

want it. It's not just a character flaw it's a generational flaw.

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Thanks to the Internet, fans of ABC's hit television show "Grey's Anatomy" can catch up on back episodes even while studying abroad in other countries.

NBA

Turkoglu's 25 points lead Magic over Bucks

James has double-double as Cleveland defeats Houston in Yao's return; Miami climbs above .500 for first time in months

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — It was about this time last season that Hedo Turkoglu heated up. He may be doing it again for the Orlando Magic.

Turkoglu hit 10 of 14 shots from the field, including three 3-pointers, and scored a season-high 25 points to push the Orlando Magic to an easy 99-81 victory over Milwaukee.

Turkoglu, who has struggled with his shooting all season, hitting only 41 percent from the field, is 29-for-41 (70.7 percent) in his last four games. He is averaging 22 points over that span after averaging 11.8 points.

"I knew my shot was eventually going to come around."
Turkoglu said. "It's just a matter of confidence and getting the shot to fall. I might have relied too much on the jump shot, but I've been mixing up the drives with jumpers, and now it seems to be clicking."

Turkoglu's backup, Trevor Ariza, was almost as good, scoring 20 points and grabbing six rebounds in 31 minutes. In fact, Ariza was playing so well that Turkoglu didn't get off the bench in the final 16 minutes. That prevented Turkoglu, who had a season-high nine rebounds, from getting his first double-double of the season.

"I wish I had known that because it would have been nice to get a double-double," Turkoglu said. "But really, stats aren't important at this point in the season. We have to reach

our goal of making the playoffs and I want to do what I can to help us get there."

The Magic currently hold the eighth spot in the East, barely ahead of New Jersey and New York

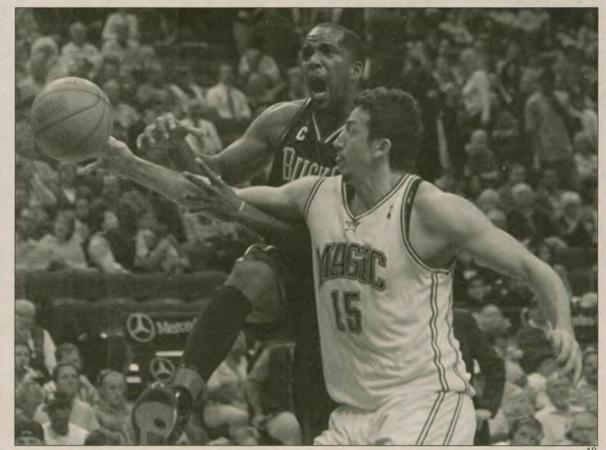
Michael Redd led Milwaukee with 15 points, but hit only three of 16 shots from the field. This came one day after Redd scored 52 points on 18-of-32 shooting in an overtime loss to Chicago. Redd, who made eight 3-point attempts against the Bulls, was 0-for-3 from behind the arc against Orlando.

"We were a little spent emotionally and physically after the overtime loss," Milwaukee coach Terry Stotts said. "Michael (Redd) had some good looks early and his threes were open, but we dug ourselves a hole early and couldn't get out of it."

Dwight Howard had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Magic, who ended a three-game losing streak. Orlando had 24 fast-break points to just five for Milwaukee.

The Bucks started slowly and were never really in the game. They were stone cold from the opening tip, hitting only two of their first 10 shots while turning the ball over six times. Milwaukee finished the half shooting 32.4 percent with 10 turnovers.

The Magic, meanwhile, shot 50 percent in the first half and led by as many as 20 points before settling for a 49-34 half-time advantage. Turkoglu had 15 points on 6-for-9 shooting



Orlando forward Hedo Turkoglu (15) steals the ball from Milwaukee guard Michael Redd during the Magic's 99-81 victory Monday. Turkoglu had 25 points on 10-of-14 shooting.

and added eight rebounds.

The Magic scored nine straight points to start the second half to boost the lead to 24. Turkoglu had seven of those points, including the 3-pointer that made it 58-34 with 9:42 left in the period.

The Bucks never got closer than 16 points from there.

Ruben Patterson scored 14 points, while Charlie Villaneuva and Lynn Greer had 11 each for Milawaukee.

Cleveland 91, Houston 85

LeBron James scored 32 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers held off the Houston Rockets on Monday night to spoil Yao Ming's first game back from a leg injury.

James, who added 12 rebounds and eight assists, scored more than 30 points for the fourth straight game. The Cavaliers have won three of those four.

Yao returned to action after missing 32 games while recovering from a broken bone under his right knee. He finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and five turnovers.

The 7-foot-6 center airballed a left hook on the Rockets' first possession, but immediately got in the Cavaliers' way on the other end by blocking a shot.

Wearing a black brace on his right knee, Yao looked slow and out of synch on offense, letting a crisp pass tip off his hands and missing open shots.

But Yao, who played 27 minutes, helped spark the Rockets in the fourth quarter after they trailed by 14. He scored seven straight points and provided a presence inside that forced Cleveland to take outside shots.

The Rockets, who have lost four of five, pulled to within 84-82 on Tracy McGrady's jumper with 1:34 left. But Zydrunas Ilgauskas put back James' missed jumper on the next possession to protect the lead.

Ilgauskas then stole ball from Yao, who fell to the floor in a heap. Hughes tossed an alleyoop to James on the other end and he slammed in it for a 88-82 lead.

Yao got up with help from a trainer, limped off, but returned to the game.

McGrady responded with a 3pointer to pull within 88-85 after the Cavaliers twice couldn't grab a rebound.

Hughes hit 3-of-4 free throws in the final 10 seconds, the last two after McGrady missed a tough 3-pointer.

McGrady led Houston with 25 points but struggled, going 10-for-32 and setting a season-high for attempts. He often took a shot as soon as the ball touched his hands. Shane Battier scored 15.

Hughes scored 22 points with seven assists and six rebounds. Ilgauskas had just eight points but added three blocks, two steals and made things difficult for Yao.

James opened up a 43-33 lead on a three-point play just before halftime. McGrady shot 2-for-13 and Yao 1-for-9 in the first half.

Miami 88, Atlanta 81

The Miami Heat got above .500 for the first time in nearly four months by beating the Atlanta Hawks Monday night.

Eddie Jones had 14 of his season-high 21 points in the final quarter and Shaquille O'Neal added 14 points and nine rebounds on the eve of his 35th birthday.

Jones hit a 3-pointer to start a game-deciding 13-2 run over a 5-minute stretch of the fourth quarter by the Heat (30-29). The defending NBA champions last had a winning record on Nov. 10: 3-2.

Gary Payton had 11 points and seven rebounds and James Posey added 10 points for Miami, which got promising news earlier in the day from star guard Dwyane Wade. Wade announced he will not have immediate surgery to repair his dislocated left shoulder and will attempt to return by the end of the season

Josh Smith and Anthony Johnson each had 16 points, Josh Childress had 14 and Joe Johnson had 12 — 13.3 below his average — for Atlanta, which dropped its sixth straight.



Cleveland forward LeBron James takes a shot over Houston guard Luther Head during the Cavaliers' 91-85 win Monday.

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46 days until Notre Dame football starts again

Is anyone else not ready for the weather to get warm?

The Rangers beat the Islanders Hear that Joe? Lundqvist and NY are Stanley Cup bound

Is it spring break yet?

NBA

Eastern Conference. Atlantic Division

Eastern Co	merence,	Atlantic	PIAISIOII
team	record	conf.	div.
Toronto	32-28	22-13	8-2
New Jersey	28-32	21-16	7-6
New York	28-33	17-21	2-8
Philadelphia	22-38	14-20	5-5
Boston	17-42	11-24	6-7
Eastern Co	onference,	Central D	ivision
team	record	conf.	div.
Detroit	37-20	26-11	6-4
Cleveland	34-25	20-16	4-5
Chicago	35-27	24-12	9-3
Indiana	29-29	20-14	7-4
Milwaukee	22-38	11-25	1-11
Eastern Con	ference, S	outheast	Division
team	record	conf.	div.
Washington	33-25	21-13	7-2
Miami	29-29	16-16	4-3
Orlando	28-33	16-20	6-6
Charlotte	22-38	14-21	3-7
Atlanta	22-38	12-23	4-6
Western Co	nference, N	lorthwest	Division

team	recora	conf.	aw.
Utah	40-19	24-12	8-3
Denver	28-29	12-21	5-6
Minnesota	26-33	15-22	5-6
Portland	25-35	15-20	5-5
Seattle	24-35	12-23	3-6

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Phoenix	46-14	22-10	. 8-2
L.A. Lakers	33-27	19-13	7-2
L.A.	29-30	16-19	4-6
Clippers	27-32	14-21	3-6
Sacramento	26-35	14-19	3-9

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	conf.	div.
Dallas	50-9	326	12-2
San Antonio	41-18	24-11	9-4
Houston	36-23	20-18	7-7
New Orleans	28-32	16-20	4-7
Memphis	15-46	9-29	1-13

Women's Big East Basketball Standings

	team	conf. record	overall record
1	Connecticut	16-0	28-2
2	Rutgers	12-4	20-8
3	Marquette	12-4	25-5
4	West Virginia	11-5	20-10
5	Louisville	10-6	26-6
6	Pittsburgh	10-6	23-8
7	NOTRE DAME	10-6	19-11
8	USF	9-7	20-11
9	Seton Hall	9-7	18-11
10	DePaul	8-8	19-12
11	Cincinnati	6-10	15-14
12	St. John's	4-12	8-20
13	Georgetown	3-13	13-16
14	Providence	3-13	13-16
15	Syracuse	3-13	9-20
16	Villanova	2-14	8-21

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> NHL Colorado at Bruins 7 p.m., VERSUS

NBA



Kings' forward Ron Artest was arrested at his home Monday on charges of domestic violence. Artest was arrested previously in November 2004 for assaulting fans during a Pacers-Pistons game.

Artest arrested for alleged assault

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was arrested Monday after a woman called 911 from his home saying she had been assaulted.

Placer County sheriff's deputies responded about 9:30 a.m. to Artest's five-acre estate in the Sacramento suburb of Loomis, where they found a woman who had suffered injuries, officials said. She declined medical atten-

Deputies arrested Artest on suspicion of domestic violence and using force or violence to prevent the woman from reporting a crime, sheriff's spokeswoman Dena Erwin

"He and the female were in the house and separated,' Erwin said. "The deputies interviewed them and took Mr. Artest into custody.'

Artest was booked into the Placer County Jail and released later on \$50,000 bail.

Erwin said she could not disclose the woman's injuries or characterize her relationship with the player. She said Artest was cooperative when deputies arrived at his home.

The Kings did not respond to a telephone message left by The Associated Press. But spokesman Troy Hanson told The Sacramento Bee, "We are aware of the situation and are in the process of gathering information.'

Artest has had previous run-ins with police.

He was at the center of the infamous brawl on Nov. 19, 2004, between Indiana Pacers players and Pistons fans at The Palace in Detroit. Just when a confrontation between players seemed to be over, Artest, lying on the scorer's table, was hit with a cup filled with an icy beverage. He bolted into the stands in a rage, followed by fist-swinging teammate Stephen Jackson. Artest and teammate Jermaine O'Neal later slugged fans on the court.

Two days later, Artest was suspended for the rest of the season — 73 games, plus the playoffs - in a move that cost him almost \$5 million.

Artest and Jackson were sentenced to one year of probation and 60 hours of community service after pleading no contest to misdemeanor assault charges. In January, Artest was released from that probation.

Artest also has had trouble with local authorities.

Last month, county animal control officers seized Artest's Great Dane, Socks, from his home about 25 miles northeast of Sacramento. They said the animal wasn't being fed.

County records showed the NBA star had paid nearly \$2,000 in boarding and impound fees for his dogs, which had spent 77 ' nights at the pound since

IN BRIEF

Eleven plead not guilty after steroid raid of pharmacy

ALBANY, N.Y. — Eleven people connected to a Florida pharmacy at the center of a nationwide investigation into the illegal sale of steroids pleaded not guilty Monday, a growing case that has linked the online drug network to doctors and health care centers in at least three states.

Robert Stanley Loomis and wife Naomi, the owners of Signature Pharmacy in Orlando, Fla., were arrested last Tuesday during a raid in which police confiscated truck loads of drugs and other evidence. Both are registered pharmacists in Florida. Robert Loomis' brother, pharmacist Kenneth Michael Loomis, and Kirk Calvert, Signature's marketing director, also were charged.

The four are charged with 20 counts each of criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions, criminal sale of a controlled substance and insurance fraud.

Beckham to be sidelined a month for knee injury

MADRID, Spain — David Beckham's return to form has taken a new twist — a bad twist of his right knee.

The Los Angeles Galaxy-bound midfielder will be sidelined for about a month after hurting a knee ligament during a Spanish League game last weekend, an injury that eliminated his chance of being recalled to England's national team for upcoming European Championship quali-

The 31-year-old hurt his right knee during Real Madrid's 1-1 tie with Getafe on Sunday when his momentum following a cross took him into an advertising sign behind the goal. He limped off the field, and a scan Monday revealed the injured

'Obviously, we hope it's not a serious injury so he can get back to helping Real Madrid challenge for the title," Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas said. "We do not expect this injury to affect his arrival in Los Angeles or his debut with the Galaxy."

Henry signs with Denver after cut by Tennessee

DENVER, Co. — It took Travis Henry only two days to get a job - with a team that turns running backs into

The former Titan and Bill, cut by Tennessee on Saturday, agreed to terms with Denver, which has made one-year wonders of Olandis Gary, Mike Anderson, Reuben Droughns and others, largely because of its schemes.

Henry is more than that, having rushed for 1,211 yards and a 4.5 average last season for the Titans, who released him after he and the team could not agree on restructuring a contract that called for an \$8.3 million bonus. He is getting \$12 million in guaranteed bonuses from the

The Broncos did not announce the signing, which was disclosed by someone familiar with the deal who requested anonymity because it had not yet been signed.

NBA

Wade decides against surgery

Wade faces no risk of further damage, hopes to return by mid-April

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade's dislocated left shoulder is so fragile there's a risk of aggravating the injury when he sleeps.

But come April, Wade figures he might be up to the rigors of the NBA playoffs. The All-Star guard said Monday he has decided to delay surgery and rehabilitate his shoulder with the goal of returning

to help the Miami Heat defend their league title.

"It could have been easy for me just to shut it down," Wade said at a news conference. "You don't know if you're going to be able to attack the same way and dive on the floor the same way. I'll find out after therapy and rehab how my body responds to things."

Wade's decision was good news for the injury-plagued Heat, who entered Monday night's game against Atlanta at 29-29. But even with rest and therapy, there's no guarantee Wade can return this season.

"The fact there's a possibility would give us hope," coach Pat Riley said. "He's a pretty good player. He probably would be a pretty good player onearmed."

The Heat went into Monday's game 4-8 this season without Wade, but 3-2 since he was hurt Feb. 21 in a collision with Houston's Shane Battier. At the time, he was the league's third-leading scorer, averaging 28.8 points.

Wade underwent extensive tests and received a second opinion from specialist Dr. James Andrews before deciding he would try to return.

Wade disclosed Monday that his injury included a torn labrum. He was without a sling at the news conference but still wears one when he sleeps to keep the shoulder stable.

The decision to attempt a comeback this season was difficult, Wade said, even though Andrews and team physician Dr. Harlan Selesnick supported the idea. Wade said he was told he can't further damage his shoulder by playing, although another dislocation is possible.

"The main thing I can do is feel that same pain again. That's one thing I don't want to feel," he said with a smile.

Wade said he has received encouragement from teammate Eddie Jones, who missed 15 games with a dislocated left shoulder and torn labrum in March 2001. Jones returned late in the regular season and played in three playoff games before undergoing offseason surgery.

Jones talked to Wade last week about what to expect during the rehab process.

"You're going to get a workout, a big-time workout," Jones said. "There's going to be days when you don't want to do it. But you've got to stay on top of it. ... I think he can get through it. He's a tough guy."

If therapy goes well, Wade said, he might be able to return for the last couple of regular-season games before the playoffs start April 21, the two-month anniversary of his injury. Even if he does come back, he's still expected to have surgery after the season.

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Pat Riley

Heat coach

with the recovery time estimated at four to six months.

That means the delay in surgery could force Wade to miss the start of next season. The Heat would rather have him for this year's playoffs, but Riley

said the organization didn't try to influence Wade's decision.

"He's a warrior. He's a soldier. And these are his guys," Riley said. "The doctors are world-renowned, and they said he can go forward this way. This is what you do when

you're a defending champion. He has made the decision to try to rehab it and hopefully help the team, and he should be admired for that."

Riley said he's confident Wade can alter his slashing, acrobatic playing style as necessary to protect his shoulder.

"He has a tremendous amount of skill and awareness and smarts," Riley said. "Whatever adjustment would have to be made, I think he would make the adjustment and still be pretty effective."

Heat players learned of Wade's decision Monday morning, and Jones said the group was, not surprisingly, thrilled.

"We knew he probably would come back, because he's a tough kid," Jones said. "He's not going to just give up on the season, especially if he can't do any more damage to the joint."



Miami guard Dwayne Wade dislocated his left shoulder in a 112-102 loss to Houston on Feb. 21.

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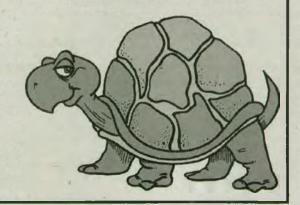
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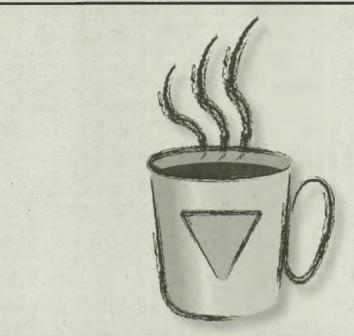


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Mark Wilson, right, celebrates with caddy Chris P. Jones after winning the Honda Classic. Wilson, who shot 5-under in regulation, defeated Jose Coceres, Boo Weekley and Camillo Villegas in a playoff.



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PGA TOUR

Classic concludes with tense playoff

Wilson wins the four-way extended overtime

Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. - Mark Wilson was a math major at North Carolina and confesses that one of his favorite things is crossing off items on his to-do lists.

He can now erase the top entry on that sheet of goals.

Wilson made a birdie to beat Jose Coceres on the third playoff hole and win the Honda Classic at PGA National on Monday, the 32-year-old player's first PGA Tour victory in 111 career tries. He won a four-man playoff that began Sunday, was interrupted by darkness, then ended when he hit from 10 feet on the par-3 17th hole.

"I didn't sleep very good last night at all just because I really wanted to finish it off here and win," he said.

He got into the playoff with some big putts Sunday: par from 45 feet on the 16th hole, par from 8 feet on the final regulation hole, then a 30footer - in near-dark conditions, remember - on the playoff first hole.

Some of his competitors acknowledged buckling under pressure.

Wilson seemed cool the

whole way.

Maybe in these moments, I'm nervous," said Coceres, who also lost a playoff to Fred Funk last week at the tour's stop in Mexico. "Mr. Wilson, he played very good.

With the win, Wilson got a \$990,000 winner's check, an exemption through the 2009 season and a reprieve from making an 11th consecutive trip to the tour's qualifying school. He also vaulted 179 spots to No. 86 in the world rankings. And, if he can stay in the top 10 on the money list, he has a chance at playing the Masters for the first time.

His caddie, Chris Jones, got two things: a nice cut of Wilson's earnings, and a huge sense of relief.

Wilson, Coceres, Boo Weekley - who missed a 3foot par putt Sunday on the 18th hole that would have given him his first career win and Camilo Villegas all finished the 72 regulation holes at 5-under 275. But Wilson's score included a two-stroke penalty from his round of 66 on Friday, after Jones made a major goof.

On the fifth tee Friday, Jones overheard Villegas and his caddie talking about club selection at that par-3 hole. Jones blurted out, "It's an 18degree," referring to the hybrid club that Wilson carries

in his bag.

Offering advice to competitors like that is against the rules, and Wilson knew it. So he summoned a rules official at the next hole and docked himself two shots.

"I felt like I almost cost us this tournament Friday," said Jones, who cried after Friday's round and was fighting tears after Wilson got the win Monday. "But he hung in there and knew I didn't mean to do it. It was just a mental error. ... A lot of guys wouldn't have even called it on themselves.'

If that's true, Wilson isn't one of them. The rule was one of the first things he discussed with Jones when he hired him to carry the bag.

"Part of me thought he was just upset with me for even making a big deal about it," Wilson said. "But then I finally just put my arm around him and said, 'Hey, let's go; let's go play golf.' Camilo was a gentleman. He did the same thing. ... From there on, I just played some of the best golf of my

On the second playoff hole — the first one played Monday - Wilson used that 18-degree hybrid to set up a putt that nearly ended the tournament. A 224-yard approach put him in birdie range at the par-4 10th, but he settled for par.

Weekley and Villegas weren't so lucky.

Weekley's drive landed in the left rough, buried so deeply he had no chance of reaching the green. He chopped the ball out, advancit about 100 yards. His third shot hit 8 feet from the pin but spun backward, and his par try slipped past.

He walked to the front of the green, hands on hips, head bent, knowing his chance was

"It's a learning experience. I'm disappointed in myself after yesterday, but that's golf, man," Weekley said. "That just happens. ... Just a part of it."

Villegas missed the 10th green to the left, but hit a great flop shot to within 4 feet. His par attempt, though, ducked beneath the hole, ending his day.

"I was feeling good over it. I wasn't shaking as much as I thought," Villegas said.

Coceres made his par putt, and he and Wilson headed to the par-3 17th, where each hit tee balls to about 10 feet. Wilson putted first, made his, and Coceres couldn't answer.

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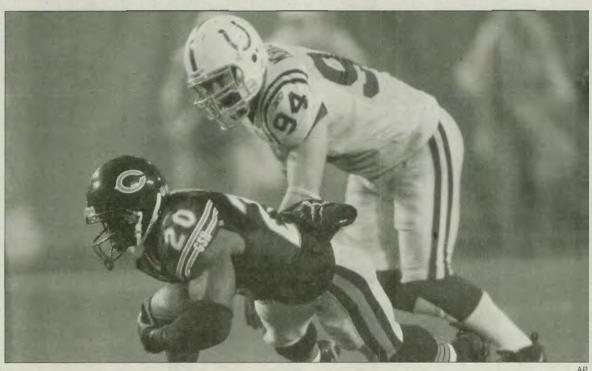
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Colts linebacker Rob Morris tackles Bears running back Thomas Jones during Indianapolis 29-17 win in Super Bowl XLI. Morris had 48 tackles during the 2006 regular season.

NFL

Colts re-sign free agent linebacker

Morris returns after aiding in Super Bowl win

Associated Pres

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts will have one of their free agents back to defend the Super Bowl next season after re-signing veteran line-backer Rob Morris on Monday.

Team president Bill Polian said keeping Morris was one of the team's top priorities and that he expects the converted middle linebacker to continue to start on the strong side, where he excelled in the playoffs. Terms of the contract were not immedi-

ately disclosed.

"It's in line with our philosophy that you re-sign your own," Polian told The Associated Press late Monday. "We felt Rob played awfully well for us down the stretch and it gives us some security knowing we've got a starting linebacker."

A message was left on the voice mail of Morris' agent, Ethan Lock

Morris was expected to anchor the defense when Indianapolis selected him with the 28th overall pick in the 2000 draft.

But his development as a rookie was stunted by a lengthy contract holdout, and his season ended after just seven games when he was carted off the field after rupturing the quadriceps in his right leg.

Over the next four years, Morris piled up the tackles but eventually lost his starting job to undrafted free agent Gary Brackett in 2004. He had resigned with the Colts long after he became a free agent each of the last two years.

It wasn't until his emergence late last season, at outside line-backer, that Morris finally gained the respect of those outside the Colts organization. When he replaced Gilbert Gardner as the starter in December — the only lineup change coach Tony Dungy made — the Colts run defense went

— the Colts run defense went from the league's worst during the regular season to one of the best in the playoffs.

Morris' ability to adapt to a position he had never before played, and his performance in the playoffs, made him a more valuable part of the Colts' hopes to repeat as world champions.

"He made it clear he wanted to come back and we wanted him back," Polian said. "For us the issue was that we have a guy we really covet and he wanted to be a part of it."

It's the first major signing the Colts have made since beating Chicago 29-17 in the Super Bowl although they have tendered all of their restricted free agents, which include starting guards Ryan Lilja and Jake Scott.

But some questions remain. Former Pro Bowl linebacker Cato June, starting cornerback

Nick Harper and running back Dominic Rhodes are all unrestricted free agents. Polian said the team doesn't

have the salary cap room to sign a big-name player, but he would like to keep at least some of Indy's key players if the team can afford it.

Rhodes, who was arrested last month after being accused of drunken driving, has already visited with the New York Giants. Polian did not have any additional updates on Harper or June

"I have nothing to tell you on that, I don't know anything other than Dominic visited the New York Giants," Polian said. The 6-foot-2, 240-pound

The 6-foot-2, 240-pound Morris, 32, had 48 tackles during the 2006 regular season and then had 21 tackles, including 17 solo tackles, during the Colts' four playoff victories.

Morris had more than 100 tackles each season from 2001-03, and now has 531 career tackles

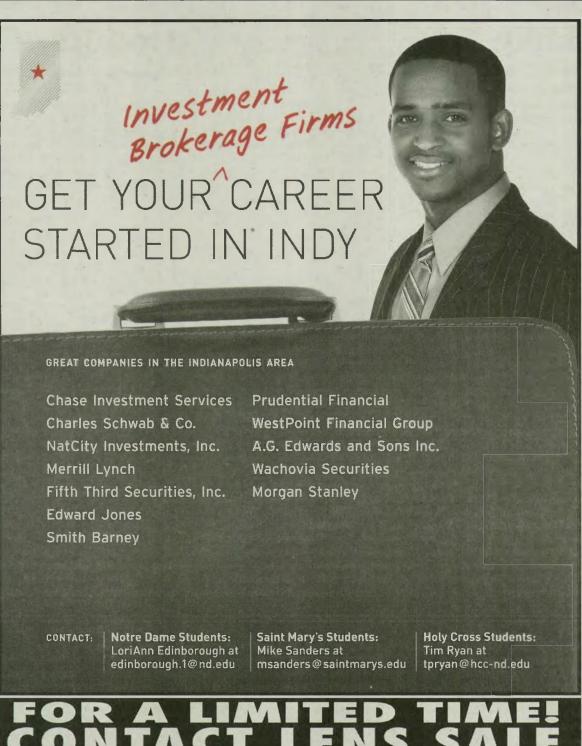
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Alaska.

21-4-3 CCHA) have played eight games against Alaska in the past two seasons, including a fourgame, regularseason sweep this year. Alaska (11-20-6, 7-16-5)CCHA) knocked Notre Dame out of the first round of last year's league playoffs with a two-game sweep in South Bend. That first-

round win came only one man Kyle Lawson were weekend after the two teams awarded spots on the allplayed to a split in the last series of the regular season —

with all four games played at Notre Dame

The Irish outscored Nanooks 13-5 in their four meetings this season, which included two early December wins of and 6-2 against then-No. 14 Alaska. Notre Dame then took two games 1-0 and 3-2 Fairbanks in mid-February. The allrecord

between the two teams is deadlocked at 20-20-3, with last year's playoff series the only time the two have met in the playoffs prior to this sea-

Alaska, however, did not own the only upset of the first round of the CCHA playoffs last weekend.

Tenth-seeded Northern Michigan defeated seventhseeded Ohio State to advance. Fifth-seeded Nebraska-Omaha took their series with lastplace Bowling Green, while eighth-place Lake Superior State advanced to the second round with wins over ninthseeded Ferris State.

Three other second-round matchups this weekend will determine - along with the Notre Dame-Alaska winner -

who moves onto the semifinals in Detroit for a chance to win the crowning Mason Cup at Joe Louis Arena.

Second-seeded Michigan will play Northern Michigan, while third-seeded Miami will host Lake Superior and fourth-seeded Michigan State face off against

Nebraska-Omaha.

Notes:

♦ Three freshmen named Monday to the CCHA all-rookie team, making Notre Dame only the third school in league history to have three players named to the sixman honorary ros-

Forwards Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang and defense-

rookie team along with Western Michigan forward

Mark Letestu, goalie Riley Gill and Nebraska-Omaha defenseman Eddie Del Grosso. Michigan has had three freshmen named to the team five different times, while Michigan State has had it happen once.

Irish sophomore Erik Condra was named as a forward to last year's all-rookie team. Condra and his teammates repre-

sent four of nine freshmen to earn the honor in Notre Dame

Deeth has 34 points this season with 16 goals and 18 assists, while Thang tied his linemate with 34 tallies also on 17 goals and 17 assists. Both freshman forwards played on Notre Dame's offensive powerhouse line this season with Condra.

Lawson had three goals and 13 assists on the year with a plus/minus ratio of 19. He also won the bronze medal while serving as alternate captain on the U.S. Junior National Team at the 2007 World Championships in Sweden.

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lower half of our lineup and is capable of play-ing higher," Bayliss said.

house Bass, who improved his dual match record to 11-2 Monday, clinched the win for the

but was ultimately able to do so at 5-4 and take the win at No. 1 singles as well as for the team.

Notre Dame's win over the decisive 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 15 Huskies marked the Derek Drabble at No. 5. The end of planned indoor win over Drabble puts King at matchups for the Irish. The

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Bobby Bayliss

Irish coach

team will try to translate its success in the first half of the season as they head toward spring break and outdoor play.

"We will work harder on playing longer points when we get outside and being more patient, Bayliss said. "But still [be

focused onl being able to do what got us here - being aggressive."

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Huskies

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Senior power-

Irish with a 6-1, 6-4 defeat of Slovic. Bass cruised past Slovic easily in the first set but Slovic fought back in the second. Bass struggled to break serve in the second set



Irish guard Ashley Barlow fights off a Bowling Green defender in Notre Dame's 85-81 victory over the Falcons Nov. 13.

Tourney

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year," McGraw said. "At this time I think we [had] 18 wins. I think we played a little bit better [than last year]."

The Irish are 2-3 against ranked opponents this season. They did a great job of winning at home — a facet stressed repeatedly by McGraw — going 14-2 in the Joyce Center. On the road, however, they struggled with a record of 5-8.

Notre Dame has had its ups and downs. The Irish lost three straight road games in January, only to come back and win their next six straight. That stretch included a 64-55 defeat of No. 17 Louisville and ended on a high note as they defeated Georgetown 73-48.

"That stretch in February I thought we played really well," McGraw said. "So I feel good about our chances."

After that, the team somehow lost momentum, as well as its final three games of the season.

The Irish are likely competing for one of the final spots in the field with DePaul, Hofstra, Seton Hall, Western Kentucky and Auburn. DePaul, having defeated Notre Dame twice in three games and with a chance to continue to prove its worth in the Big East tour-

nament, would most likely get the bid over the Irish. Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall 64-61 on Jan. 2, giving the Irish a leg up on the Pirates.

Hofstra is 23-6 and 13-5 in the Colonial Athletic Association. With a quality win over Michigan State early in the season and a sevengame winning streak to close out the year, the Pride are in a good position to get an atlarge bid.

Western Kentucky, playing in the Sun Belt Conference, does not get the chance to gain quality wins often. It finished with a record of 20-8 and 14-3 in regular season play, good for second in the East division of the conference. The end of the Big Red's season, however, was not spectacular. They lost two of their last three games.

Auburn is least likely to bump the Irish out of their spot. The Tigers are 17-14 and just 7-9 in SEC play. They also failed to defeat any ranked teams during the season.

Even with the rocky end to the season, Notre Dame has a fairly strong resume and a good chance at a spot in the Tournament, which begins March 17. And if the Irish are granted a bid, they will have the chance to forget the last three games and start their season anew.

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personality just changes," Harangody said. "One of the greatest compliments I ever received was that when I'm on the court I'm really intense, but when I come off I'm laid back and a good guy."

Harangody displayed this intensity in Notre Dame's final home game against Marquette — an 85-73 Irish win. With 22 seconds left, Marquette for-

ward Dan Fitzgerald had enough of Harangody's style and pushed the freshman to the ground, earning a technical foul.

"That had to do with how the game was going I think," he said. "They were a little frustrated at the end of the game."

Harangody grew up in Schererville, Ind., where he led

Andrean High School to two conference championships. He led the Fighting 49ers with 23.6 points and 12.8 rebounds, both team highs, his senior year.

But aside from his high school experience, Harangody is quick to note that the variety of post moves he brought to Notre Dame actually came from his AAU days with the SYF Players. Now, near the end of the season, he has improved those and added some new ones.

"My AAU coach taught me a lot and the coaching staff here has taught me as well," Harangody said. "It's a combination of both."

Harangody has shown an ability to hit free throws this season (81 percent from the

line) — another skill he developed before he came to South Bend. The freshman said he has worked hard at shooting well from the charity stripe because he realized he would get fouled a lot in the low post.

"I always knew if I was going to be inside I would get to the line a lot, so I had to learn to make free throws," he said.

Harangody has also avoided the physical "wall" that freshmen sometimes hit toward the end of the college season, a period that lasts longer than in high school.

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Luke Harangody

Irish forward

me to make sure I took care of my body, that I ate well and kept in s h a p e , "Harangody said. "The coaches have done a really good job with practices, too, to keep us fresh."

Even with all that personal and team success, Harangody still has a few more goals to

accomplish this season.

Notre Dame is the No. 4-seed in this week's Big East tournament and will play the winner of Syracuse and Connecticut

Thursday at 2 p.m.
"I'm really excited,"
Harangedy said of the towns

Harangody said of the tournament in Madison Square Garden. "It should be a great environment."

After that, the Irish will find out where they will spend the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Harangody said he was excited by the prospect of the program's first appearance in the Big Dance since 2003.

"It's going to be great," he

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after Kyle McAlarney was suspended in late December.

Harangody earned national freshman of the week honors from rivals.com last week for his performances against Marquette and DePual. He averages 11.2 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

"I look at those two guys on the first team and I go, 'Wow, we have to replace a lot,'" Brey said. "But then I look at the All-Rookie team and go, 'Oh, I got those guys for three more years."

Carter began his career as a rarely used reserve, playing in just 11 games his freshman season. Now, he leads the Irish in scoring — with 16.9 points per game — and is fourth in the Big East.

"I thought [this was possible]. Personally, if you can't think it's going to be done, how are you going to accomplish it?" Carter said. "I've always had goals set for myself and so far things are getting accomplished, but there's a lot more I want to accomplish before my collegiate career is over. It's an honor but we have other things on the agenda."

Since he was a freshman, Falls has been one of Notre Dame's biggest three-point threats. This season, he broke Gerry McNamara's Big East record for career 3-pointers and currently has 318.

"It's an honor to be on this team," Falls said. "There are a lot of great players in this conference. Having four guys getting postseason mention speaks volumes for the season we've had."

Notre Dame will take on the winner of Syracuse and Connecticut in the second round of the Big East tournament Thursday at 2 p.m. on ESPN.

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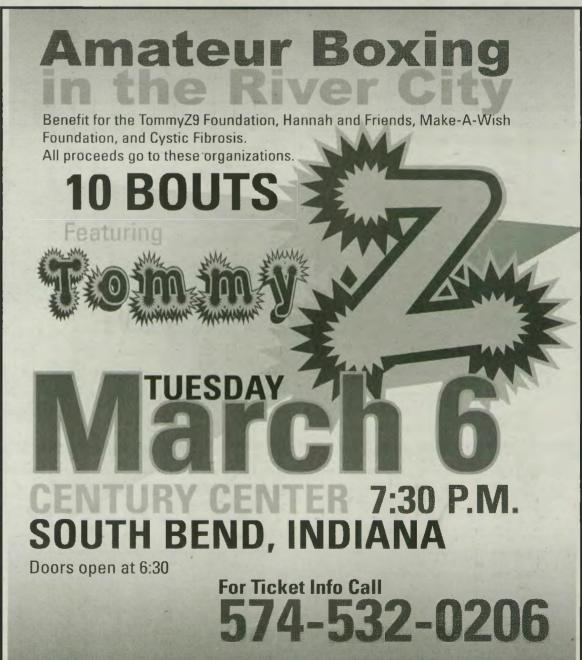
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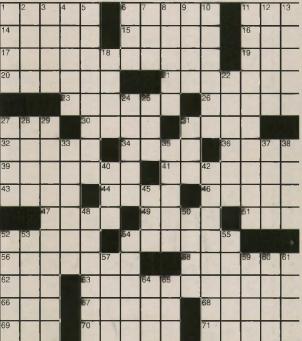
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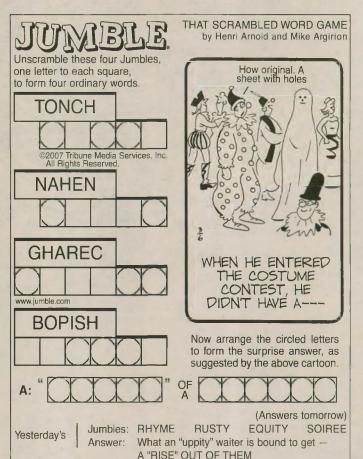
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jake Lloyd, 18; Kevin Connolly, 33; Michael

Happy Birthday: Try not to take on too much this year. Concentrate on what you know you can accomplish. You are likely to run into people from your past this year — whatever problem you may have had with these people before is likely to surface again. Protect your heart, health and emotional well-being. Your numbers are 5, 14, 18, 25, 38, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Organization will be what counts if you want to fit as much into your day as possible. You will learn something very important by watching the way others do things. Your passionate nature will attract people who support your efforts. 3

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be a little secretive about your comings and goings today. Avoid confrontations. Money issues can be resolved if you speak to an older or more experienced friend about your situation. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have a lot riding on your performance today. You will face criticism but, if you are prepared, you will surpass anyone who tries to be negative. Put time aside for romance. 5 stars CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you let your emotions get in the way, you will not get ahead. This is a great day to make a career move and to put yourself on the line for something you believe in. Changes may be difficult but will be good for you in the long run. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you really care about someone from your past or someone you recently met, make an all-out effort to be with this person. If you are already in a relationship, let your passionate side take over. Don't overspend in the process. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What you do today, whether it be learning, doing a great job or selling yourself at an interview, will surpass your expectations. Don't let personal issues cloud your decisions. A change in your attitude will make a difference. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Nothing can stop you if you take control and do what you say. This is a great time to start an adventure, take a trip or make plans to move in a new direction. Love is on the rise so get out and have some fun. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel as if someone or something is holding you back. Get past that and put your heart and soul into doing what you do best. It's what you accomplish that will count, so don't waste time worrying. 4 stars **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone may try to persuade you to go off in a different direction today but you should stay the course. Love is in the stars and a commitment can be made but, keep in mind that once you put yourself on the line, you must stand by

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial deals can be made. Buying and selling personal

items will bring about a profit. Base your decisions on facts not an emotional whim. Stick to your original plan and you won't go wrong. 5 stars **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have a huge amount of ground to cover so hop to it. A chance to improve a personal relationship you are in looks promising. Speak from the

heart about your intentions and goals. 5 stars PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Not everything will be out in the open for you to consider. Knowing that you don't have all the facts should deter you from making a final decision Spending time on looking your best will help your attitude and boost your confidence. 3

Birthday Baby: You are creative, passionate and inventive. You are entertaining, charming

and intelligent. You are a great storyteller and a strong competitor. Eugenia's Web sites: astroadvice.com for fun, eugenialast.com for confidential consultations

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East beckoning

Harangody's post play frustrates opponents, key for ND success

By CHRIS KHOREY Associate Sports Editor

Six months ago, Notre Dame's inside game was considered its weakness and forward Luke Harangody was a freshman adapting to college workouts.

Now, after a season of basketball, the Irish are 23-6 and Harangody has become one of the most feared and effective inside players in the Big East.

The 6-foot-8, 250-pound freshman is averaging 11.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game this season, including a 22-point outburst in Notre Dame's win over Marquette Feb. 24.

Harangody, who also pulled down 13 rebounds against the Golden Eagles, frustrated Marquette's defense with his physical style that wore down opposing defenders.

"When I go on the court, my

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Above, Luke Harangody battles, top right, Russell Carter drives, bottom right, Colin Falls shoots.

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Carter, Falls make allconference first team; frosh earn rookie honors

By CHRIS HINE Sports Writer

Irish guards Russell Carter and Colin Falls were named to the all-Big East first team Monday, marking the only time in school history two Notre Dame players made the first team in the same season.

"I'm just happy for two seniors who have paid their dues," Irish coach Mike Brey said before practice Monday. "Their paths have been a little bit different — Colin being a consistent guy from day one, Russ taking a little bit different route, and it's a great story.

"I think anytime you can have seniors make the All-Conference team I think it says you're guys are getting better every four years."

Meanwhile, guard Tory Jackson and forward Luke Harangody made the cut for the Big East All-Rookie Team. Jackson took over the starting point guard position

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish improve to 11-2 with win over No. 15 Washington

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Notre Dame garnered victories in all first sets of singles play in its 6-1 win over Washington.

The No. 8 Irish (11-2) jumped out early with a 1-0 lead after winning the doubles point. Senior Barry King and junior Brett Helgeson clinched the first doubles match when

they defeated Patrick Fischer and Mike Ricks 8-5 at No. 2. The No. 3 team of senior Stephen Bass and junior Andrew Roth clinched the doubles point for the Irish with an 8-5 win over Derek Drabble and Andy Kuharszky. Bass and Roth came out strong, taking the 4-1 and 7-2 leads.

"We came out of the box quickly and jumped all over them," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The No. 1 doubles team junior Sheeva Parbhu and senior Ryan Keckley finished doubles play with an 8-4 loss to Daniel Chu and Alex Slovic. The pair, ranked No. 9 in the country, struggled to break serve and play aggressively at the net against the No. 15 Huskies (9-3).

"It was pretty anti-climatic," Bayliss said. "It was purely an individual thing, they need to do a better job of holding serve right now, they are not volleying with a lot of authority and we've frequently opened up the court without any real purpose.

"We gave Washington some opportunities to hit some pretty good shots, we just need to play with more discipline."

With the doubles point in hand, the Irish moved on with confidence to singles play.

"We felt that if we could win

the doubles point they were not good enough to win four singles," Bayliss said.

Parbhu avenged his loss in doubles play with a quick 6-1, 6-1 win over Slovic. The junior controlled the matchup from the back of the court and got to the net early to win at the No. 2 singles position.

King put Notre Dame within one point of victory with a

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ND Women's Basketball — Analysis

NCAA spot not a lock after slide

It will be tough for Notre Dame to rebound from its three-game losing streak. The consecutive losses to Rutgers and DePaul at end the season and anoth-

er loss to the Blue

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the first round of the Big East tournament dropped the Irish from their once favorable position of entering the NCAA Tournament with momentum to one of recovery and rebuilding.

The Irish (19-11, 10-6 Big East) would have almost been guaranteed a spot in the tour-

nament had they won 20 games. Although currently projected to enter the tournament as a No. 8 seed by ESPN.com analyst Charlie Creme, the importance of the end of the season in tournament selection may drop Notre Dame's seed even further or eliminate them from the tournament altogether.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw has confidence the team is ready for the tournament and will have a chance

to play.
"I think we're in much better shape than we were in last

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HOCKEY — ANALYSIS

Nanooks await Irish in playoffs

For the second time in as many years, the Irish will face off against Alaska, their colorful head coach Tavis MacMillan, physical sniper

K y l e Greentree and the rest of the burly Nanooks in

the CCHA

Kyle Cassily

Sports Writer

playoffs.
No. 1 Notre Dame will host
Alaska in the second round of
the playoffs starting Friday
night, after the Nanooks
upset their first-round opponent Sunday. The 11th-seeded
Nanooks knocked off sixthseeded Western Michigan, 3-1
to take the best-of-three
game series, while Notre
Dame was idle this weekend

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observ

Irish center Justin White has contributed two goals and nine assists to help Notre Dame earn a No.1 ranking and a CCHA playoff berth.